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MEMORANDUM FOR: PROJECT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT : Escape and Evasion and Intelligence Briefings

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1. During our recent visit to [REDACTED] it became apparent that our chief concern of pilots at this time is escape and evasion information, training, and survival gear. Of particular interest to [REDACTED] was a policy concerning any limitations that might be imposed on his briefing of pilots on intelligence matters. Concerning the latter, [REDACTED] had envisaged briefings to include a rather broad intelligence coverage to include something approaching a national intelligence estimate, national capabilities-type briefing. I considered this more excessive than necessary. [REDACTED] was advised that no intelligence should be passed to the pilots except that which is necessary and essential to his mission. In other words, the pilot should be given only tactical intelligence information such as those defensive capabilities that might affect his mission. [REDACTED] agreed to limit the pilot's intelligence briefings to this and asked that a policy letter be disseminated to guide him in this matter.

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2. My thought in asking [REDACTED] to limit the briefings of the pilot to tactical intelligence was that if we adopted a liberal policy in which the pilot could be briefed to tell everything he knows in the event of capture, then it behooves us to insure that he does not have knowledge which we do not want the enemy to have.

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3. Before we can go much farther in the development of intelligence, training, briefing and escape and evasion, a policy must be firm as to what course of action a pilot should take should he go down in denied territory. I recommend that we adopt as liberal a policy as possible. I think the pilot should be briefed to evade and escape, if possible, and therefore must be furnished with E & E information in gear. I feel that any information he has can and will be forced from him if captured. I think the pilots are more than willing to pay the price of not having full access to intelligence information. If they know that with this price they can buy permission to tell all and thus get what we hope would be preferential treatment. I think this would do much in the interest of the pilot's morale since they could easily recognize that it is to their advantage not to receive any intelligence over and above that needed for flying their mission.

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25X1A9a 4. In our search for background concerning E & E I have been told that a [REDACTED] is the Agency expert on E & E matters. [REDACTED] has, I believe, approached you on the subject of obtaining clearance to the Project. I recommend that his services be made available as soon as practicable in order that he may participate in the developments of a logical E & E concept, the type and quantity of survival gear needed, and E & E documentation and clothing.

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